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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT/RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Examiner's Action mailed February 2, 2000. Applicants request reconsideration of the application in view of the remarks that follow.

AMENDMENT

In the Claims

1. (Twice Amended) A vaccine for use in an animal against Group A streptococcal infection, comprising:

a physiologically acceptable non-tokic vehicle containing a conserved cysteine protease in an amount sufficient to confer immunity to Group A streptococcal infection.

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